Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Original) The use in a powder coating composition comprising a mixture, in particulate form, of titanium dioxide and an organic resin, of a zeolite as an extender for the titanium dioxide, said zeolite containing less than 9 per cent water by weight as determined by heating at 800°C for 1 hour.

2. (Original) A powder coating composition comprising a mixture, in particulate form, of a zeolite and an organic resin, said resin being a plasticised poly(vinyl chloride), a polyamide, poly(vinylidene fluoride), an epoxy resin, a polyester resin, a hybrid epoxy-polyester resin, a urethane resin or an acrylic resin and said zeolite containing less than 9 per cent water by weight as determined by heating 800°C for 1 hour.

3. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterised in that~~ wherein the zeolite is a zeolite A or a zeolite P.

4. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the zeolite contains less than 7 per cent by weight water, as determined by heating at 800°C for 1 hour.

5. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the zeolite has a water loss after heating at 105°C for 4 hours of less than 2 per cent by weight.

6. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the zeolite has a weight mean particle size in the range 0.5 μm to 6.0 μm.

7. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the powder coating

composition additionally comprises from 10 to 40 per cent by weight pigmentary titanium dioxide.

8. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the amount of zeolite present is up to 20 per cent by weight of the coating composition.

9. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the powder coating composition additionally contains a ~~coloured~~ colored pigment and from 2 to 20 weight per cent pigmentary titanium dioxide.

10. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to claim 9, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the amount of zeolite present in the composition is from 0.5 to 8 per cent by weight of the coating composition.

11. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the particles of the powder coating composition have an average size in the range 10 to 75 μm.

12. (Currently amended) The use or composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the particles of the powder coating composition have an average size in the range 40 to 200 μm.

13. (Original) The use according to claim 1 in which the organic resin is plasticised poly(vinyl chloride), a polyamide, a polyolefin, poly(vinylidene fluoride), an epoxy resin, a polyester resin, a hybrid epoxy-polyester resin, a urethane resin or an acrylic resin.

14. (Original) A method of preparing a powder coating composition comprising forming an intimate mixture of an organic resin and a zeolite, said resin being a plasticised poly(vinyl chloride), a polyamide, poly(vinylidene fluoride), an epoxy resin, a polyester resin, a hybrid epoxy-polyester resin, a urethane resin or an acrylic resin

and said zeolite contains less than 9 per cent water by weight as determined by heating at 800° C for 1 hour.